65. Rs. 292—under "39-Miscellaneous (3)-d—Special Audit Staff—Dearness Allowance"

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 292 under "39-Miscellaneous (3)-d—Special Audit Staff—Dearness Allowance". I request the House may be pleased to sanction the amount.

Demand put and carried

66. Rs. 4,000 under "39-Miscellaneous—Refund of lapsed deposits"

67. Rs. 200 under "39-Miscellaneous—Refund of lapsed R. T. Rs."

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 4,000 under "39-Miscellaneous—Refund of lapsed deposits" and Rs. 200 under "39-Miscellaneous—Refund of lapsed R. T. Rs.". The original provisions were found insufficient and we have to make more payments. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction these allotments.

Demands put and carried

68. Rs. 3,380 under "29-A-Civil Engineering—Refunds"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,380 under "29-A-Civil Engineering—Refunds". This sum is required for payment of refund of road toll kists for the year 1118. It was not possible to make the payment in 1118. So it is necessary to have this additional allotment to pay that amount.

Demand put and carried

69. Rs. 70,000 under "29-A-Civil Engineering—Buildings—Original"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 70,000 under "29-A-Civil Engineering—Buildings—Original". This sum is required for the construction of 2 buildings, one for the Nurses-quarters in Ernakulam and the other for the construction of an office for the Chief Medical Officer. The accommodation now available in the General Hospital to house 48 nurses in that institution is totally inadequate and it has been found that it is not advisable to delay the construction of this building any longer. So, I have now come with the request that the House will be pleased to sanction this amount so that the work may be taken up immediately.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know in connection with this matter as to what happened to the orders of the Diwan when he visited, to have nurses quarters in Chittur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The quarters for nurses in many hospitals are now generally inadequate and a general programme for improvement of these quarters is now being initiated.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know how much will be spent for the office of the Chief Medical Officer out of Rs. 70,000.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The estimate of the Chief Medical Officer's Office is Rs. 14,400. The actual expenditure I think will be about Rs. 28,000.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Are the buildings contiguous?

Mr. V. K. Aravidaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will not be very far apart. But they are in the same premises. In fact, in Ernakulam, it is impossible to choose the location of a building in view of the congested nature of the locality.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* May I know for what the present office of the Chief Medical Officer will be used hereafter.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That buliding will be demolished and in its place the new nurses quarters will be constructed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when was the Chief Medical Officer's present office was constructed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was an old private building. I cannot say when it was constructed. That building was purchased by Government.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Aiyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Has it been condemned by Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. For the holding of the Chief Medical Officer's office, that building is unsuitable.

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